

Floral Street Elementary School

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Dear Floral Families,

We hope all families enjoyed the school vacation week and are ready to roll into an uninterrupted stretch of eight full weeks of school...barring any additional snow days!

There is much to look forward to over these next eight weeks – Community Reading Day, Literacy Night, and the Fourth Grade Gymnastics performances are just a few of the exciting events coming up in our school community. Additionally, we ask that parents mark the next PTO meeting on their calendars, scheduled for **Monday, February 29th at 7:00pm** in the Floral media center. School Committee members Jon Wensky and Erin Canzano will join us and provide updates about the current school year as well as budget development updates for next year. Please plan to attend and bring along any questions you may have. We will also be introduced to our newly-elected PTO board for the 2016-2017 school year. Free child care will be available during this meeting, thanks to the generosity of Shrewsbury High School student volunteers. We hope to see you there!

As a reminder, Floral Street School will be moving to a new payment system in its cafeteria, starting on Wednesday, March 2nd. Students will enter a 6-digit PIN onto a keypad whenever they make a purchase. Parents will be able to send in a check (through the mail or with their child to school) and the money will be placed into an online account accessed through Powerschool. This will eliminate the need to send money or lunch tickets to school with your child each day, as the cost of their purchases will be deducted from the online account. Very soon, parents will be able to pay online as well, thus eliminating the need to mail/send in a check to school. More information about the online payment component will be coming soon.

What if you prefer to send in cash with your child each day? No problem- the cafeteria will continue to accept cash for any purchase. What if you have a bunch of lunch tickets to use up? No problem- you may continue to send in lunch tickets with your child. You'll see in a note below that lunch tickets will no longer be sold starting this week; however, lunch tickets will continue to be accepted.

For more information about the new payment system, please read the attached letter and FAQ document (see below). This document was sent home in hard copy the week prior to vacation. Staff will support students during this transition time as they become familiar with this process and learn their 6-digit PIN (which was attached to the letter sent home last week and can also be found in Powerschool). We're confident that, with ongoing practice, students will quickly memorize their PIN numbers. Until then, teachers and staff in the cafeteria will happily help them access and enter their PIN.

Have a wonderful week!

~Lisa & Tiffany

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After School Activities Program (ASAP)- New Classes Starting on March 7th!

Please see the attached flyer below to see what classes are being offered for the next round of ASAP. Please click on the link included in the flyer to pre-register your child. Registrations will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis.

From the PTO - Spring Yankee Candle Fundraiser

We're once again partnering with Yankee Candles Fundraising to help achieve our goal this year. They are the world's #1 candle brand and they offer a wide range of premium candles, fragrances and décor items at a very wide range of prices. But

the most important thing to know is that 40% of every sale goes to Floral. Hence, any orders made will be much appreciated!

The Fundraising packets were sent home the week prior to vacation. Orders can also be placed online by clicking here: <https://www.yankeecandlefundraising.com/store.htm>. The fundraiser will run through **February 26th**. All the orders will be delivered to school before Easter. Any questions, please contact Mitika Kathuria (MITIKAKATHURIA@GMAIL.COM)

**From the Food Services Department: Elementary School
Ticket Sales End February 22nd**

February 22, 2016 is the last day sheets of lunch tickets will be sold for use at Floral Street School. Money or checks received after that date will be credited to your child's Meal Magic account and debited as your child makes cafeteria purchases. These funds will be available March 2, 2016 when the new Meal Magic System is implemented. Cash or checks can be sent with your child to give to the cafeteria cashiers, to be credited to their account. Checks should be made out to the *Food Service Department*. Please note the child's name whose account you want credited on your check memo line. Checks can also be mailed to the Food Service Department C/C High School, 64 Holden Street, Shrewsbury Ma. 01545. Please note the child's name whose account you want credited on your check memo line.

Promotions can only be processed by mailing a check to the Food Service Department. Promotions cannot be processed at the registers.

All tickets previously purchased can be used until they run out. Cash can always be used for transactions. Questions??? Please call Beth Nichols @ 5080841-8819 or email:

bnichols@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us

From the Food Services Department – Drawing Winners from January & February

\$25.00 Moe's Gift Card : Isabelle Zhao

\$25.00 Bertucci Gift Card: Nikita Mikheev

\$25.00 Movie Gift Card: Claire O'Donnell

Lunch Credit to POS(\$65.00 Value): Cameron Wilson

Notes from Previous Falcon Flyers:

Coordinators Needed: Floral Street School Olympic Field Days

This year Floral Street School will be celebrating its fifth Olympics. Our celebration will include a school-wide parade and Opening Ceremony on **Friday June 3rd**, followed by Olympic Field Day games and competitions for each grade level the following week. To make these events possible, we need 2-3 parents who are willing to act as Olympic Field Day volunteer coordinators. Coordinators will assign parent volunteers to events, work with the Susan and Lynda in the office to check CORI status with the school, and assist with volunteer preparations on field days. If you are interested please contact Amy Smith, Floral Street School Physical Education Teacher, at asmith@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us or 508-841-8720 X4939.

From the PTO - Next PTO General Meeting- Monday, February 29th at 7pm

Please join us at 7pm on Monday, February 29th for our next General PTO Meeting. We will be joined by School Committee members Erin Canzano and Jon Wensky who will share information about our schools, including information about the 2015-2016 school year, our strategic priorities and the FY17 budget. We will also introduce the newly elected PTO leadership for the 2016-2017 school year and give a brief overview of programs, events and fundraisers that will be held in the Spring. The meeting will be held in the media center and **free child care will be provided for all school-age children**. Please contact PTO President Hannah Kane with any questions at hkanemcpc@gmail.com.

From the PTO – Boxtops Collection and Contest

The PTO is holding its annual Box Tops contest – the class that submits the most Box Tops will win a pizza party with Mrs. McCubrey and Mrs. Ostrander. Please see the attached flyer for details, and send in your Box Tops!

From the PTO – Save the Date: Literacy Night on April 8th

Friday, April 8th is Literacy Night! A favorite part of the evening is the Book Swap, where students are encouraged to take a gently-used book home for free. To make this happen, we are asking for parents to donate gently-used children's book targeted for readers in grades 1-5. We will be collecting the books from February 29th to March 25th. Boxes will be available in the foyer of the school to drop off the books. Thank you for your support!

From the PTO - Donate-A-Book Program

The Floral Street School Media Center needs your support!

Great children's books are published every year, but due to limited funds, the Media Center is not able to purchase many of them. By donating \$15, you will allow make current titles available and replace books that are in poor condition. Simply print and fill out the Donate-A-Book form located at <http://schools.shrewsburyma.gov/floral/media/documents/2donate-a-bookFSSwebsite.pdf>), enclose either cash or a check (payable to Floral Donate-A-Book), and return it to school in your child's backpack. Your child will be invited by the Media Specialist to choose a book from the display case outside of the Media Center. An inscription label stating your name and a personalized message from you will then be added to the book. Your child will be the first to borrow the newly donated book.

Consider donating to mark a special event, holiday, to thank a teacher or staff person, or in honor/memory of a loved one. This is an excellent way to support our curriculum and get students excited about reading. Help us reach our goal of 160 new books for the 2015-2016 school year!

The Elementary Lunch Menu can be found at any time at:

<http://schools.shrewsbury-ma.gov/foodsvc/elementarylunchmenu.cfm>

Important Upcoming Dates:

***New dates added this week appear in bold print**


February 24	Local Dentist, Dr. Feldman, visits first grade classes
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February 29	PTO General Meeting / 7:00pm at Floral Media Center
March 1	Early Release Day for Students (dismissal begins at 12:15pm) / Professional Development for Staff in the PM
March 2	Meal Magic Point of Sales system begins in the Floral Cafeteria
March 4	FSS Community Reading Day
March 4	School Meeting / Grades 1 & 2
March 11	School Meeting / Grades 3 & 4
March 15	School Council Meeting
March 23	Grade 1 Field Trip to Boston Children's Museum / Plourde & McGrail Classes
March 24	Grade 1 Field Trip to Boston Children's Museum / Harrington & Frankian Classes
March 25	Grade 1 Field Trip to Boston Children's Museum / Grossman Class

PARCC Assessment Dates

April 26, 27, 28 (3 sessions)  Grade 3 English Language Arts

May 2, 4, 5 (3 sessions)  Grade 4 English Language Arts

May 9-12 (4 sessions)  Grade 3 Math

May 16-19 (4 sessions) 📅 Grade 4 Math

Important Contact Information:

Office (508) 841-8720

Nurses, Phone (508) 841-8729

Nurses, FAX (508) 841-1545

Extended Day (508) 841-8743

AA Transportation (508) 753-6322 (Please call the school first with bus-related issues)

The full district school calendar is available on the district homepage at: <http://schools.shrewsbury-ma.gov/>

[ASAP Descriptions March 2016.pdf](#)

[Box tops contest 2015-2016.pdf](#)